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Clerk of the Board  
Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sir/Madam:

I recently had opportunity to read the report entitled *Initial Statement of Reasons for Rulemaking Staff Report, Proposed Identification of Environmental Tobacco Smoke as Toxic Air Contaminant*. I concur with the conclusions summarized therein, based on years of scientific research reviewed by the Scientific Review Panel as part of this process.

Tobacco smoke clearly meets the definition of a toxic air contaminant contained in Health and Safety Code Section 39655. The list of health effects causally associated with exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is alarming. My staff works with local youth to prevent uptake, with the public to inform them of these health effects, and with current smokers to provide tobacco cessation services. We support the classification of ETS as toxic air contaminant, and support the efforts of the Air Resources Board to move this substance into the risk management phase of consideration.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Health